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Dear Mr. Kurek,

You misunderstood me or I was not clear. I did not say I do not read books or do not read any books ostensibly on the assassination. I do not read those I regard as in varying degrees trash. I have and started to read and gave up on Russell's do I did not get as far into it as Mann's self-serving misrepresentation. If he had had his way, over a palpable fake that he continued to have faith in after it was proven to be a fake, we'd have had World War III. That was the Alverado Ugarte concoction that on its face was not possible.

There is no record of which I know in which Hoover wrote or cabled Mann. He may well have phoned the Legat, who delivered the message verbally. But it was over that sick stuff and he is not the only one who told Mann to back off. He was crazy to pay any attention to it to begin with. Both the CIA and the FBI told their people to check that Nicaraguan intelligence agent out. When they did he confessed to making it up.

What Russell does not say is that JFK made Mann ambassador to Mexico.

What he quotes Hoover as saying cannot be true.

Nor is it that Mann had not reached any conclusions.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold Weisberg